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Central Storehouse Has Variety of Books, Aids

How does the Educational Materials Building staff help Torrance teachers and administrators select learning materials?

This was the topic of a program featured at the monthly luncheon of the Educational Council of Torrance Monday. More than 150 community leaders attended the noon event at the Recreation Center.

Outlining the functions of

the EMB staff was Neil Lewis, acting educational materials administrator. He was assisted in the illustrated lecture by Lynn Eden, Mrs. Mary Long, Mrs. Stella Olson, and Mrs. Lynn Shidler, consultants.

LEWIS described the functions of the EMB staff as assisting and motivating teachers in obtaining materials, helping top repair materials

for new programs, procuring materials for special programs, and developing materials for the general curriculum.

At the beginning of each school year, Lewis explained, new teachers are taken on tours of the EMB to acquaint them with types of materials available and how to go about getting these materials.

Staff members assist experienced teachers by offering suggestions of specific books or materials for specific children to help satisfy individual needs. When a teacher comes to the Educational Materials Building with a particular request, EMB personnel often suggest additional resource materials. One teacher, according to Lewis, described her experiences with the comment "I came for a quart of milk and left with \$35 worth of groceries."

faculty members with new programs by preparing and producing materials. Recently the EMB prepared tape recordings for the modern foreign language program. Copies of master tapes were made by using a high speed tape recorder.

Assistance to special programs includes helping teachers of remedial reading, educationally handicapped, retarded, visually handicapped, and gifted students

procure materials especially adapted to needs of their particular students. These functions range from sending to other parts of the state for the latest book in BRAILLE for a blind youngster to providing a controlled reader and filmstrips intended to speed up the reading rate and eye movement of a slow reader.

EACH YEAR the Torrance EMB staff helps the California State Curriculum Commission decide on which books are to be adopted as state tests by reviewing and evaluating books being considered for classroom use. Presently they are studying books which may make their way into the classroom as new state texts in 1967.

new guides where materials will be required and line up bibliographies to accompany the guides.

Perhaps not the least of the functions of the EMB staff is to keep their fingers on the pulse of technology. As new audio-visual learning devices appear on the market it is up to the EMB to determine how effective they are.

United Buys Three More DC-8 Planes

United Air Lines has exercised an option to purchase three additional Douglas DC-8F jet freighters and obtained a separate option to buy two more of the all-cargo aircraft.

Delivery of the three aircraft is scheduled in August and September, 1966, and January, 1967.

Cost of each plane is \$7.5 million, including spare parts. The aircraft are produced at the Douglas Aircraft Co. facilities in Long Beach.

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Popular Singer Plans Concert at El Camino

Johnny Mathis will be featured in a concert of popular music at El Camino College Oct. 21. Appearing with Mathis will be Our Young Generation, a group of five boys and five girls discovered by the singer and currently touring with him.

The singer, who spent his "growing-up" years on the road with his manager, travels more than 100,000 miles annually. His tours have included Mexico, Germany, Australia, Hawaii, Brazil, France, England, and Canada.

Through his traveling and close observance of the people, customs and music of other lands, Mathis has become a musical linguist. He sings in French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Hebrew. One of his albums, "Ole" features the music of Portugal and Spain.

Besides his "popular" songs like "Chances Are" and "Misty," Mathis often sings his favorite, "Maria," from West Side Story.

"This is one of the finest programs we've ever put on at El Camino," Ric Thomas, the college's commissioner of activities stated. "I hope everyone takes advantage of it."

"Tickets for the performance, featuring Mathis and Our Young Generation, are available in the student store, Hamilton M. Maddaford, dean of men at El Camino, announced this week.

"Balcony bleacher seats are \$2, main floor bleacher seats are \$2.50 and main floor seats are \$3," Maddaford said.

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